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SUBJ: ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION  
(WMO)

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CORNEL PACOSTE INVITED AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON SHORT NOTICE AUG 31 TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF US OPPOSITION TO WMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION TO PURCHASE CDC COMPUTER FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD-WIDE METEOROLOGICAL DATA-SHARING NETWORK. IN PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL MEETINGS, ROMANIANS REPORTEDLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE 180,000 DOLLAR COMPUTER WOULD COLLECTIVELY BE FINANCED BY 100,000 DOLLARS FROM WMO, 50,000 DOLLARS FROM US, AND 30,000 FROM ROMANIA. THEN, AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY IN GENEVA, US ALLEGEDLY OBJECTED TO UNDERWRITING THIS PURCHASE ON GROUNDS THAT ROMANIA DID NOT QUALIFY FOR SUCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER BOTH USG AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A "DEVELOPING COUNTRY".

2. THIS IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF BOTH COMPUTER PROBLEM AND ALLEGED USG JUDGMENT ON ROMANIA'S STATUS AS DEVELOPING COUNTRY. ON LATTER POINT, WE ARE AT LEAST PUZZLED SINCE WE HAVE BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT SHARED WORLD BANK DEFINITION  
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OF ROMANIA AS BONA FIDE MEMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY GROUP.

IN FACT, US AGREED TO RECENT IBRD LOANS TO ROMANIA. WE ALSO  
UNDERSTAND FROM SECRETARY OF POPULATION CONFERENCE DELEGATION MCDONALD

THAT US HAS SUPPORTED PROVISION OF COMPUTERS TO UNDP PROJECTS IN  
ROMANIA. THEREFORE REQUEST (1) BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON WMO  
PROJECT; (2) CLARIFICATION OF USG VOTE AT WMO EXECUTIVE MEETING;  
(3) DETAILS ON OUR CURRENT POSTURE RELATING TO MAKING COMPUTER  
AVAILABLE TO ROMANIA FOR WMO PROJECT. PACOSTE SAID AMBASSADOR  
BOGDAN WOULD BE SEEKING CLARIFICATION IN WASHINGTON.  
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